



MEDIA ADVISORY FOR JULY 11, 2019

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## **TX MOMS JOIN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ON CAPITOL HILL AS PART OF SWEEPING MOVEMENT FOR CLIMATE SOLUTIONS**

*Moms Clean Air Force to Host "Play-In" Demanding Lawmakers Solve our Climate Crisis*

(Washington, D.C.) – On Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, two moms from Texas will join more than **500 members from over 25 states** to gather at the U.S. Capitol for the **sixth** Moms Clean Air Force "Play-In" for Climate Action and live-streamed press conference. This annual event will showcase visionary leaders including members of the Global Climate Strikes who will join moms and Members of Congress on stage to demand action on climate. Speakers of all generations will be calling on political leadership at all levels to advance solutions to protect our families from the climate crisis. This means 100% clean energy across the entire economy by 2050.

Following the Play-In, the Texas delegation will head to the Capitol to meet with their members of Congress to share their personal stories and urge their representatives to take action on climate to protect their children's health and future. Over the past year, climate change has caused bigger and more frequent storms in Texas, as well as increased temperatures and more intense droughts. Runaway climate change will continue to undermine human health and the economy in Texas according to the **recent National Climate Assessment**. Hurricane Harvey made clear to Texans that the impacts of climate change are here and now.

**Media is invited to schedule interviews with our TX delegation.**

### **Who:**

**Dee Dee Belmares** is a life-long resident of San Antonio, Texas, where she serves as field organizer for Moms Clean Air Force. As a small business owner and a mom, she understands that economic growth and clean air protections go hand in hand. Dee Dee is an **outspoken** advocate for clean air protections for vulnerable children. In 2018, Dee Dee was appointed to serve on the Steering Committee for San Antonio's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. With over 1.5 million residents, San Antonio has a population larger than 11 states. Dee Dee's work to build a grassroots movement to support the plan and bring the voices of frontline communities to the table has **earned her media attention** in her local press.

**Catherine Garcia Flowers** is a first generation American and a big picture thinker. As the Houston field organizer for Moms Clean Air Force, Catherine leverages her experience as a social entrepreneur and disaster specialist to mobilize fence-line communities impacted by air pollution and climate change to call for action at all levels of government. Following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana where she served under the Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana, Catherine was perfectly positioned to help when Hurricane Harvey hit her adopted hometown of Houston. Through her work with public-private partnerships, she assisted more than 150,000 individuals impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Currently, Catherine is a candidate for City Council at Large #5 for the City of Houston.

**We also invite media to watch our Play-In press conference live** at approximately 10:00 AM ET on July 11th [here](#) where it will be live-streamed on our national Facebook page.

**Speakers include:**

**Keynote speaker Alexandria Villaseñor** is a 14-year-old climate justice activist and leading organizer for the ongoing global Fridays for Future Climate Strikes.

**Emcee Vanessa Hauc** is a Telemundo Network Emmy award-winning journalist

**Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester** (D-DE At-large)

**Senator Tom Carper** (D-DE) Chair of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

**Congresswoman Kathy Castor** (D-FL 7) Chair of the House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis

**Congresswoman Debbie Dingell** (D-MI 12)

**Congresswoman Deb Haaland** (D-NM 1)

**Congressman Donald McEachin** (D-VA 4)

**Congresswoman Kim Schrier** (D-WA 8)

**Great Grandmother Mary Lyons** is a Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe member in Minnesota, UN Indigenous Observer and Author

**Rev Michael Malcom, MDiv MBA** is the Executive Director of Alabama Interfaith Power and Light

**Dominique Browning** is Moms Clean Air Force's Co-Founder and Senior Director

**Heather McTeer Toney** is Moms Clean Air Force's National Field Director

**An updated list of speakers can be found [here](#).**

**Where:** The National Mall at Madison Drive NW and 3rd Street NW, Washington D.C. or follow the press conference online [here](#).

**When:** Thursday, July 11, 2019, from 9:30-11:00 AM (press conference begins at 10:00 AM)

NOTE: **B-roll footage** and **photos** of Play-In available upon request.

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*Moms Clean Air Force is a community of over one million moms—and dads—working together to fight air pollution, including the urgent crisis of our changing climate. For more information, go to [www.momscleanairforce.org](http://www.momscleanairforce.org) or follow us on Twitter [@CleanAirMoms](#), Instagram [@cleanairmoms](#), or Facebook.*